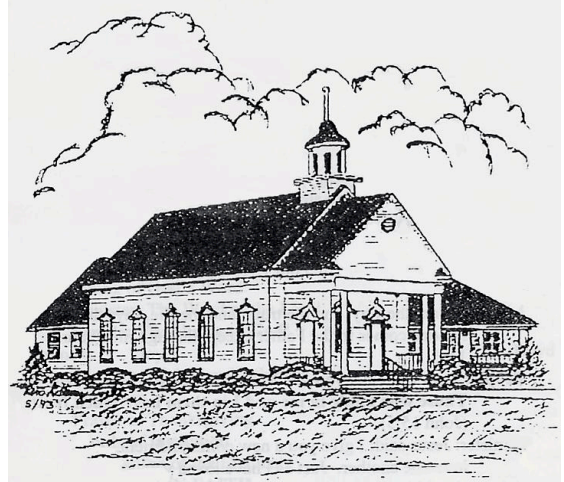


Croatan Presbyterian Church



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Sunday, the Lord's Day December 18, 2016

The mission of Croatan Presbyterian Church is to be a witness to Christ in its life, its outreach, its service, Friendship Pad in your pew. A nursery is provided during the worship service

Prayer List

Church Family:	Helen Boyd	Mary McManus	Jenny Clay	Ruth Andersen	Cherry Harris
	Joe/Judith Chance	Doris Ambrose	Dorothy Seals	Bonny Cates	Gladys Lewis

Military:

David Shirk	Christian Smith	Brian Gooch	Jose Perez	Shane Brunelle
Andrew Grumbein	Joe Mitchell	David Huckabone		

Friends:

Olivia Blackburn	Steve Bennett	Pat Macumber	Robert Robinson	Leonard Chesnutt	Ainsworth Fam.
James Chesnutt	Jenna Capell	Lisa Edwards	Pat Paluci	Hattie Belle Goodwin	Kenny Edwards
Catherine Baptist	Joe Goodwin	Adrienne Scintello	Belen Chenervert	Melinda Bell	John Hicks
Alex Santos	Ronnie Connor	Michael Turnage	Robert Watson	Marshall White	Jim Pines
Carol Jarman	Natsuko Morrow	Tony Martin	Sharon Loftin	Marilyn Richards	Wanea White
Louis Wisnowski	Idell Dockins	Amelia McAllister	Margaret Harrison	Luke Waddell	Suzanne Gibson
Theresa Goodwin	Jamie Weatherly	John Stevenson	Sophia Nelson	Barbara Mills	Andrew Scholtice
Virginia Chance	Joan Wilkinson	Beth Galloway	Sandra Hoell	Anna Grace Walker	John Mallard
Geoff Collins	Crystal Collins	Bill Brewster	Joann Crook	Alva Herron	Dale Ainsworth Fam.
Matthew Hopkins	Jim Pines	Allen Monroe	Martha Jordan	Eddie Rowe Fam.	Nellie Holcomb

CHURCH SESSION

CLASS OF 2016

Margaret Chance
 Cathy Pike

CLASS OF 2017

Chris Williams Greg Golden
 John Trudo Sylvia Potter

CLASS OF 2018

Nancy Zachewicz Zan Monroe
 Brandee Ridgway James Chance

Cradle and Preschool Roll: Ella Ridgway Chapin Smith Brantley Smith Cypress Rose Brunelle
 Collins Rae Corey Quenton Huckabone Holden Huckabone Cayman Shane Brunelle

School Students

Josh Anderson	Cailee Anderson	Anna Chance	Tori Chance	Emily Chance	Katie Chance
Samantha Clark	Ryan Connor	D.J. Eborn	Nate Edwards	Samuel Wentz	Chris Gehrki
Brian Gooch	Brittany Hall	Jamie Hardison	Lana Hardison	Hunter Hardison	Otter Hardison
Joshua Hardison	Jordan Harraden	Lil Krcmar	Trey Martin	Audrey Morden	Clare Morden
Evan Morden	Abigail Oliver	Catherine Oliver	Mason Oliver	Alexis Queen	Breanna Ridgway
Charity Boyd	Amber Elliott				

Child Care Providers: Jennifer Gooch, Sandra Chance (Sundays, 9:15 am – 12:15 pm)

Youth Leaders: James/Sandra Chance; Brandi Smith; David Huckabone; Rich Boyd

Children's Coordinator: Kim Trudo **Church Cleaner:** Sylvia Williams

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Pike **Music Director/Pianist:** Bonny Morden **Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Boyd

On Duty

Greeters Today: Dan/Linda Brinkworth
Ushers Today – James Chance/Jerry Hardison
Nursery Today – Sandra Chance
Children's Church Today: Kim Trudo
Meal Team This Week: #6(R/S Boyd, J/B Ridgway, D/L Brinkworth, S Johnson, G/D Oliver, G/E Henson)
Meal Next Week: No Meal(Christmas Day) **Note:** There will be not meal on January 1.
Worship Leader: Mike Hardison **Children's Sermon Today:** Kim Trudo

December Birthdays: 5th-EMarquez, KRay; KShucher; 7th-SWentz; 9th-BWilliams, RBoyd; 14th-RBoyd; 15th-PKillingsworth; 16th-Evan Morden; 17th-BLittlewood; 19th-Nate Edwards; 23rd-DJEborn, SMartin; 26th-PClark; 30th-CMiller
December Anniversaries: 14th-D/PBennett; 19th-B/RAndersen; 20th-P/RKkillingsworth; 29thj-R/K Hardison

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Come and be a part of our **Sunday School**. Our goal is biblical literacy. Coffee at 9:15, Class 9:30, Assembly 10:30. Nursery/Preschool - Childcare Provider; Children's Class – Sandra Chance; Youth Class – Josh Ridgway; Adult Class – Rich Boyd.

Announcements

TODAY: 9:30 AM - Sunday School The food emphasis for December is dried beans.
 11:00 AM – Worship All donated will go to RCS.
 5:00 PM – Youth Group Christmas Party Website at www.croatanpresbyterian.com
 Like us on Facebook (Croatan Presbyterian Church).

At the Congregational Meeting held las Sunday Barb Krcmar and Joe T. Chance were elected as Elders in the Class of 2019.

Please take note of the Budget deficit. A modest increase in giving will set things right.

Thanks to Mike and Martha Hardison for the trailer and truck and to George and Abigail Oliver for leading the singing for a most successful Christmas Caroling Hayride.

Coming Up:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Dec. 24, 7:00 PM. Christmas Day Service – 10:30 AM.
Worshippers are asked to bring food wrapped in white paper ("White Gifts") as an offering at this service as well as our taking the Joy Gift Offering of our denomination.

Budgeted (50 weeks) \$69,900

Attendance last week –70
 Food Items given to date for RCS – 596

Given (50 weeks) \$65,848

Total Given for Special Assistance to Date -\$1,861
 Clothing & Items given to date for RCS – 1,003

The Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

As we gather for worship, each one is invited to greet those who worship with them and to pray in silence in preparation for the worship of God.

Collect for Fourth Sunday in Advent: *God of grace, you chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Savior. Now fill us with your grace, that with her, we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things, embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prelude

Choral Call To Worship

“What Can I Give Him?”

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Candle Lighting

Congregational Response – No. 249 (vss. 1,3)

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

Leader: *Show us, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness. Let the earth open, that salvation may spring up. (Isaiah 45:8)*

People: *Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

Leader: *Then Mary said: Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)*

Prayer of Invocation: *God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom. Now we ask you to come among us as we worship you and offer our prayers in Jesus' name, he who taught us to pray saying . . . Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.*

***Hymn No. 259**

“Angels From the Realms Of Glory”

The Lighting of the Candles of Advent

We light these candles as signs of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the coming once again of Jesus into our lives as we celebrate his birth. We read that the Lord will give us a sign. “Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (God with us). (Isaiah 7:14b)

Hymn No. 250 (seated)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

The Morning Offering: *Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)*

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

*Prayer of Dedication

A Time for the Children: As they enter and leave, please join in singing: *O come, little children, o come, one and all. To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small. Then come little children, and join in the day that gladdened the world on that first Christmas Day.*

WE PLACE OUR LIVES INTO GOD'S HANDS

Prayers of the People

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns

Prayer of Confession (unison): *We confess to you, Lord, that your Law is not always on our minds and that we have often forgotten your gospel for us. Our sins are forgiven; we are your people; no one can snatch us out of your hand; in Christ we are more than conquerors over sin and circumstance. But we have only half-believed these things. Forgive us that our lives are often poor, when they should always be proclaiming your praises. Make us so glad about all you have done that we cannot keep silent. Form our characters so that they bring you credit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer (Minister)

Congregational Response – No. 641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Special Music

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon:

“God Cares To Send The Very Best”

Dr. Boyd

***Affirmation of Faith-** the Apostles' Creed (inside front cover)

***Gloria Patri – No. 813**

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH

***Hymn No. 277**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

***Charge to the Congregation** (Minister): *Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong. Let all that you do be done in love. (1Corinthians 16:13,14)*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction – No. 576**

“Gloria”

**Stand as you are able.*